(b) if so, what is the quantum of reduction from the allocation for the previous year; and

(c) what is the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) Quantum of project-tied external assiatance received in a particular year depends on the status of implementation of these projects because, under the present dispensation it is received generally on reimbursement basis against expenditure incurred by the executing agencies. Therefore, its reduction due to inflow of private capaital in the current year does not arise.

Legal Aid to Poor

3614. SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of cases during the last three years where legal aid was given to the poor;

(b) whether the poor know about the legal aid;

(c) how much money was actually spent on aid and how much money on other matters relating to providing aid; and

(d) what steps will be taken to make this programme better?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS, LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) The information is being collected and would be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The State Legal Aid & Advice Boards/State Legal Services Authorities which provide Legal Aid in Law Courts are being funded by the respective state Governments. No allocation of funds, as such, out of the Budget Grant of the Central Government is earmarked to the States for Legal Aid in Courts.

The total Grants-in-aid sanctioned to State Legal Aid & Advice Boards during the last 3 years is as under:—

S. No.	Financial Year	Total Expenditure	Grants-in-aid sanctioned out of the total expenditure mentioned in col. 3
1	2	3	4
(1)	1993-94	46,65,580	29,00,000
(2)	1994-95	46,81,004	28,85,000
(3)	1995-96	47,60,732	27,10,000

(d) Central Government has enacted the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 to constitute Legal Services Authorities to provide free and competent Legal Services to the weaker sections of the society to ensure that opportunities for securing justice are not denied to any citizen by reason of economic or other disabilities and organise Lok Adalats to secure that the operation of the Legal System promotes justice on a basis of equal opportunity.

Adequate publicity of the places of Tourist Importance

3615. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) is it a fact that the tourists overseas are not getting adequate information on the places of tourist importance in the country;

(b) if so, the steps taken to give due publicity in those countries on places of tourist interest in India; and

(c) what steps are being taken to attract foreign tourists?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) and (b) Upto-date tourist information about important places of tourist interest